

**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2005**

Members Present: David Carter (Indiana Civil Rights Commission), Elizabeth Hall (Stonebelt), Vicki Pappas (Indiana Institute on Disability and Community), Susan Rinne (Options for Better Living), Kristi Ross (Bloomington Transit), and Avi Spechler (IU Student). **Staff Present:** Craig Brenner, Liaison, City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by David Carter at 4:10 pm.

Concerns/ADA Complaints:

1. Terry's: Craig reported that the parking signage at Terry's has been corrected, so parking issues with Terry's are completed.
2. Player's Pub: given the extensiveness of needed renovations in order to comply with the ADA, this issue is closed as it would be an undue hardship for the new owners to comply. It was noted, however, that the situation that occurred with Player's Pub could be used as an example when we work with the city and county to require ADA inspections of new and renovating businesses.
3. IU Library: Avi reported that the IU Library is going to be remodeled. He suggested this could be an opportunity for CCA to get involved from the onset.
4. IU Art Museum: Vicki provided some technical assistance to Marie Clapot, an intern working at the IU Art Museum over the next few months, regarding physical accessibility assessments of the Museum. She also provided audio descriptions of art work, which were used by Marie to train the Museum docents. Craig assisted Marie in conducting an accessibility survey of the Art Museum.
5. List of Business Accessibility Surveys and Decals Awarded: Craig brought the list he maintains, which is in Excel format, as a follow-up to Vicki's suggestion that we use and monitor the results of previous accessibility surveys. Avi suggested we include an assessment of attitudes; Susan Rinne noted that the CCA had previously added some questions to try to get at these more subjective areas to measure --- e.g., number of employees with disabilities, was any training conducted with employees about interacting with people with disabilities, etc. Since the summary report is so lengthy, Craig could e-mail the list of businesses surveyed to CCA members upon request, with the understanding that it contains simply notes about the assessments done by students and is for internal CCA use only. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Business

1. **Business Registration**: Barbara McKinney, Chuck, and Byron have met with Deputy Mayor James McNamara to begin the process of requiring new businesses and others sold to new owners to have a required ADA inspection, along with their fire and safety inspections. Barbara will meet with Jim Gerstbauer on June 21st to identify what is currently included in the building inspections. Craig reported this issue is still on the Mayor's agenda.

ACTION: Barbara to report on her meeting with Jim Gerstbauer at the July meeting.

2. **New Structure for Leadership**: The revisions to the new structure were distributed.

ACTION: Final decision about the new structure was tabled until the July meeting so Katie and Byron could be present for the discussion and decision-making. Vicki noted that if the new structure is approved, it could go into effect this October.

3. **ADA Anniversary:** A statewide celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the signing of the ADA will be held in Indianapolis at the ArtsGarden on Wednesday, July 26th from 11:30 until 3:00 pm. This is being sponsored by ADA-Indiana, the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community, and Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services. SICIL is sponsoring a bus to the Celebration, and people with disabilities and advocates from Monroe County are invited to ride up to Indy. The bus will leave at Sam's Club at 9:15 am and return at 4:30 pm. There is room for 18 people, but if needed, a second bus will be ordered.

ACTION: Those interested in attending the Celebration should make their reservations for the bus trip with Susie Rimstidt by July 20th.

Vicki asked if there were any plans to mark the anniversary in Bloomington. Suggestions made were to check with Bob Zaltsberg to include the ADA as a topic on his Noon Edition program on Friday, July 22nd. Also suggested were some newspaper articles; Avi suggested we contact Jeremy Speer of *The Herald-Times*.

ACTION: Vicki to check to see what ADA videos are available at the IIDC Library.

4. **October Awards Ceremony:** There were suggestions made about possible locations for the event. Byron suggested the Monroe County Library, location of the event several years ago, but there was concern the space was too small. Other locations suggested were Terry's, the Kirkwood, and MCL/Mayfield's.

ACTION: Those present seemed inclined to investigate using MCL/Mayfield's for this year's Awards Ceremony.

Funding: Chuck has already sent out letters requesting donations for the event. We have received a contribution from the Credit Union.

ACTION: Chuck will make follow-up calls to solicit further donations.

Speakers: Susan Rinne suggested that we might want to consider using the same speaker that Hire Potential has invited to its Career Day on October 19th --- Erin Riehl. She will be making two presentations in Bloomington for Hire Potential Indiana on October 19th about Project Search, which was developed and used by the Cincinnati Children's Hospital to employ people with disabilities.

ACTION: The members present decided to invite Erin to speak at CCA's Awards Ceremony, with the topic being Employee Attitudes and the Potential for Change. Susan Rinne will check on Erin's availability for Tuesday evening, October 18th, and her willingness to address the attitude topic.

Video Presentation: Avi showed the video "Understanding Autistic Spectrum Disorders" to the members present. Discussion about the impact of the film dispelling common stereotypes of people with autism followed. The video is available on loan through the Indiana Institute Library. Avi is also available as a resource to make presentations.

Reports

1. **Hire Potential Indiana:** This was covered in the discussion above about the planned Career Day on October 19th with Erin Riehl as speaker. Erin will make two presentations that day, the first to students at a noon luncheon, and the second to business people at 4:00 pm.
2. **Way to Go:** In the absence of Suzie Rimstidt, there was no report.

Announcements:

1. There was a Summer Institute on Autism Spectrum Disorders on June 13-17. Avi made a presentation and the sessions were taped by Jeremy Speer.
2. The Indiana Resource Center on Autism will also sponsor a workshop entitled, "Teaching Verbal Behavior in a Classroom Setting," on September 14-16. Cost is \$750.00 per person. To register, call 812-855-608.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the CCA will be Monday, July 18th from 4:00 until 5:30 pm in the McCloskey Conference Room of City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Pappas
Substitute Scribe!